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SUBJECT: PLASTIC EXPLOSIVE USED AT ORLY II INCIDENT

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1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR CERLES GAVE ME FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES TAKEN FROM TERRORISTS BY IRAQI AUTHORITIES. HE REITERATED THAT HE SAW SEIZED ARMS ONLY ONCE FOR FEW MINUTES, EARLY IN MORNING.

2. PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES WERE WRAPPED IN MATERIAL COLOR OF OPAQUE WHITE PLASTIC BAGS IN RECTANGULAR PACKAGES ABOUT TWO INCHES HIGH AND THREE INCHES LONG CONNECTED TOGETHER (AS IF SEWN) TO MAKE A BELT, WHICH HE ASSUMES ONE OF THE TERRORISTS WORE AROUND HIS WAIST. PACKAGES WERE VERY FLAT. IRAQI POLICE HAD PUT BESIDE PLASTIC EXPLOSIVES A SMALL CYLINDRICAL OBJECT OF BRIGHT ALUMINUM, ABOUT ONE-AND-A-HALF INCHES HIGH AND ONE INCH IN DIAMETER. IT HAD A PROTRUDING OBJECT ON TOP. HE ASKED IRAQI OFFICIAL WHAT IT WAS, BUT HE REPLIED THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW.

3. CERLES SAID HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE ABOUT PRESENT WHERE-ABOUTS OF TERRORISTS. LEBANESE AMBASSADOR CHAMMAS TOLD ME FEB 12 THAT HE KNEW THEY WERE IN IRAQI CUSTODY AS OF FEBRUARY 5. HE AND OTHER ARAB AMBASSADORS ARE BEING KEPT IN DARK ABOUT IRAQI INTENTIONS TOWARD TERRORISTS AND THEIR AFFILIATION.

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